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From Jane Prettyman <jane44@mail.org>  
To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc  
Subject Act now to save small-mouthed bass in Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay

Message Body

Dear Ms. Jackson,

**I urge you to ACT IMMEDIATELY to save small-mouthed bass from pollution**

*Background:*

90% of male small-mouthed bass are impacted by endocrine disruptors, chemicals that act like hormones. These chemicals come from multiple sources ranging from birth control pills to BPA, from agribusiness to industrial waste. Small-mouthed bass are dying from disease and their population has crashed. Fisherman are being told to catch and release only, but that's not enough.

And it's not just small-mouthed bass in the Susquehanna River that are at risk right now. The Chesapeake Bay, fed by the Susquehanna and all its Pennsylvania tributaries, has dead zones where no life can grow -- including blue crabs, the famous and amazing "beautiful swimmers" of the Chesapeake Bay.

The EPA is the only entity with the authority to crack down on polluters, including agribusiness with huge feedlots which generate intensive waste. The plan put together by PA environmental officials will NOT solve the problem. It won't save the small-mouthed bass, the blue crab, or other incredibly interconnected life forms in the Susquehanna River watershed or the Chesapeake Bay.

I could ask you to "protect" the wide-mouthed bass but a better word is "save."  
**EPA has authority to intercede and do what PA officials are failing to do -- SAVE the small-mouthed bass.**

***DO IT!***



Thanks,  
Jane Prettyman  
HonesdalePA

Public Comment:

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